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cc: Peter  
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**Peter Brinton - Mammoth Ridge Permit S017048**

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**From:** John Blake  
**To:** Paul Baker  
**Date:** 8/15/2011 8:56 AM  
**Subject:** Mammoth Ridge Permit S017048  
**CC:** Andrew Bedingfield; Peter Brinton; Tom Faddies

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Paul,

The Mammoth Ridge site consists of a quarry that was opened up on trust lands near the town of Hatch, Garfield County, several years ago to mine and crush travertine rock. Mineral leases for the operation were issued to Burningham Enterprises. The operators were Gary Burningham and Robert Steele. The lessee posted a cash bond of \$2,500 and a CD in the amount of \$15,500 for reclamation. I am told that DOGM continues to hold the bond. The mineral leases, ML49699/ML50071 were canceled several years ago. At the time of cancellation the operator had mined and crushed about 40,000 ton of material, which remain stockpiled at the site. The travertine material is quite chalky and proved unsuitable for its intended use in a hot-mix plant. SITLA has tried to find a buyer for the stockpiles from the time the leases were canceled, but reluctantly concludes that there is probably no market for the material. Local citizens are complaining about the dust and blight, and the stockpiles are proving to be a nuisance and liability for SITLA. We believe that it is time to reclaim the site. I would like to work closely with DOGM personnel toward this end.

I ask that DOGM immediately contact Gary Burningham, Burningham Enterprises, and require the operator to reclaim the site this Fall. If the operator fails to timely perform, then I ask that DOGM take necessary action to forfeit the operator's reclamation bond and reclaim the site. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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